



**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS  
OR FARMING CORPORATION  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SFN 16812A (16812 + 7974) (5-00)

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**FILING FEES**

Filing	30.00
Consent of Registered Agent	10.00
Minimum License Fee	50.00
Additional License Fees: (Equal to \$10.00 for every additional \$10,000 in excess of \$50,000)	

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Registered Agent Consent:  
The Articles of Incorporation must be accompanied  
by a signed consent of the registered agent.
- Initial report for farming or ranching required  
of corporations engaged in farming or ranching.

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FEES, FILING AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as incorporators, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation according to:

(check one) ☐ North Dakota Business Corporation Act (North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 10-19.1)  
☐ North Dakota Corporate or Limited Liability Company Farming Act (North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 10-06.1)

**Article 1.** Name of Corporation

**Article 2.A.** Name of Registered Agent

**B.** Federal ID/Social Security # of Registered Agent

**C.** Complete Address of Registered Agent (Street/RR, PO Box, City, State, Zip+ 4) **May not be only a post office box.**

**Article 3.** The corporation shall be effective:  
(check one)

☐ When filed with the Secretary of State  
☐ Later on \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, year)

**Article 4.** Purposes for which the Corporation is organized are general business purposes, **OR:**

**Article 5.A.** Aggregate number of shares the corporation has authority to issue

**B.** Par value per share authorized by corporation

**C.** If shares are divided into classes, they are classified as follows:

Class	# of Shares	Par Value per share

**Article 6.** Other provisions elected for inclusion:

**Article 7.** The name and address of each incorporator:

NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS				
	Street/RR	PO Box	City	State	Zip + 4

"The above named incorporators, have read the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, know the contents, and believe the statements made therein to be true."

Original Signature

Date

Original Signature

Date

Original Signature

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Original Signature

Date

Name of person to contact about these articles

Daytime telephone #

## NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS OR FARMING CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 10-19.1 allows the formation of a business corporation. North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 10-06.1 allows the formation of a farm corporation. A corporation is established when articles of incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State or at a later date as specified in the Articles of Incorporation.

**FILING FEES:** \$30 + \$10 for the Registered Agent Consent to Serve + license fees (minimum of \$50) based on the authorized shares of the corporation. License fees equal \$10 for every additional \$10,000 in excess of \$50,000. License fees are calculated by multiplying the number of authorized shares by the par value. If shares are authorized without par value, multiply the authorized shares by \$1.

If the corporation selects a corporate name that is the same as or deceptively similar to the name of another organization name registered with the Secretary of State, an additional \$10 is required for filing each consent to use of name. (Checks must be payable to "Secretary of State" and must be for U.S. negotiable funds. Payment may also be made by credit card using VISA, Master Card, or Discover.)

### ATTACHMENTS:

**Registered Agent Consent To Serve:** Articles of Incorporation must be accompanied by a signed consent of the registered agent named in article 2.  
**Initial Report for Farming or Ranching:** Articles of Incorporation of a farm corporation must be accompanied by the Initial Report for Farming or Ranching. For a form, contact the Secretary of State's Office.

The sentence immediately above article 1 is declaring the incorporators as being eighteen years of age. Check the box of the North Dakota Century Code to designate governance. A business corporation must check the box preceding "North Dakota Business Corporation". A farm corporation must check the box preceding "North Dakota Corporate or Limited Liability Company Farming Act". If neither box is checked, and the name or purpose do not indicate otherwise, a business corporation will be effected.

The following article numbers correspond to the numbered sections on the front of this form.

**ARTICLE 1.** Provide the corporate name. The name must be in the English language or in any other language expressed in English letters or characters. The name must include the word "company", "corporation", "incorporated", "limited", or an abbreviation of one of these.

The name may not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, any other corporate name, limited liability company name, trade name, limited partnership name, limited liability limited partnership name, or a name that is in any manner reserved with the Secretary of State.

The name may not include such words as "bank", "banker", or "banking", or any other word or words of like import. (North Dakota Century Code, Section 6-02-01) These words are preserved by North Dakota law for the use by the Bank of North Dakota and state and national banks.

**ARTICLE 2.A.** Provide the name of the registered agent in North Dakota. A corporation must continuously maintain a registered agent and address in North Dakota. A corporation cannot serve as its registered agent. The registered agent may be one of the following:

- a) An individual residing in North Dakota,
- b) A domestic or foreign corporation, or
- c) A domestic or foreign limited liability company.

A corporation or limited liability company appointed as registered agent must be registered with the Secretary of State, be in good standing, and have a business address in North Dakota. If a corporation or limited liability company is named as registered agent, provide the "correct" name of the organization.

**ARTICLE 2.B.** To properly identify registered agents, the Federal ID number or Social Security number of the registered agent is required.

**ARTICLE 2.C.** Provide the complete address in North Dakota of the registered agent. This address cannot be only a post office box number.

**ARTICLE 3.** Check the box for the desired effective date. Articles of incorporation may be effective at the time the certificate of incorporation is issued by the Secretary of State or within 90 days after the certificate is issued. If a later date is specified, include the month, day, and year. If neither box is checked, the articles of incorporation will be effective when the Secretary of State issues the certificate of incorporation.

**ARTICLE 4.** Provide the purpose of the corporation. A corporation may incorporate for any lawful purpose. The Secretary of State will accept articles of incorporation with "any lawful purpose" unless the name or any other aspect of the articles indicates a purpose that may be questionable. A business corporation may not engage in banking, farming, ranching, or insurance. A business corporation may be an insurance agency selling or servicing insurance products but may not be the insurer that backs claims.

If a corporation has chosen a very general corporate name and availability cannot be determined on the basis of the name alone, a corporation may be asked to consider addition of specific purposes to facilitate the name availability process.

**ARTICLE 5.A.** Provide the aggregate (total) number of shares being authorized. A business or farm corporation must be authorized to issue at least one share.

**ARTICLE 5.B.** Provide the par value authorized for each share, or if the shares are being authorized without par value, state "None" in this section. If the shares are not all authorized with the same par value, leave this line blank and complete Article 5.C.

**ARTICLE 5.C.** If shares are being classified in different classes or series, summarize the shares by class, the number of shares in each class, and the par value of each class. If the shares are not classified in different classes, leave this line blank.

**ARTICLE 6.** Provide any articles not otherwise included on this form. State "None" if the corporation doesn't include any optional provisions.

**ARTICLE 7.** Provide the names and complete mailing addresses of the incorporators. Only one incorporator is required, and more may be named. Incorporators must be individuals and must be at least eighteen years of age. All incorporators named must sign Article 7. Original signatures are required.

At the bottom of the form, list the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person if this office has any questions or needs additional information to file the articles of incorporation.

**ASSISTANCE:** If assistance is required to complete articles of incorporation, contact the Secretary of State.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Send original articles of incorporation to:

Business Division  
Secretary of State  
State of North Dakota  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 108  
Bismarck ND 58505-0500

Telephone: 701-328-4284 Toll Free: 800-352-0867 (8-4284) Fax: 701-328-2992 Home Page: <http://www.state.nd.us/sec>

**ANNUAL REPORT:** An annual report is required of a business corporation on August 1st, and of a farm corporation on April 15th, in the year after that in which the articles of incorporation are effective. An annual report form will be mailed to the registered agent.



**REGISTERED AGENT  
CONSENT TO SERVE**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
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**1. FILING FEE: \$10.00**

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

2. Name of the organization for which the registered agent is to serve (corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, limited liability limited partnership or real estate investment trust)

3. Name of the registered agent

4. Registered agent is (Check one)

- ☐ An individual North Dakota resident  
☐ A corporation  
☐ A limited liability company  
☐ A limited liability partnership

5. Federal ID # or social security # of registered agent

6. An individual appointed as registered agent must sign a consent to serve in that capacity. When a corporation, a limited liability company, or limited liability partnership is named as registered agent, an officer or someone authorized by the organization may sign on behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership.

"The undersigned, as the newly appointed registered agent, agrees to act as the registered agent for this organization until a change, or resignation, is submitted to the Secretary of State under the provisions of North Dakota law."

Original signature of registered agent

Date

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERED AGENT CONSENT TO SERVE

The following organizations must continuously maintain a registered agent on file with the Secretary of State.

- a) Domestic and foreign business corporations
- b) Domestic and foreign nonprofit corporations
- c) Domestic and foreign professional corporations
- d) Domestic farm corporations
- e) Domestic farm limited liability companies
- f) Domestic and foreign limited liability companies
- g) Domestic and foreign professional limited liability companies
- h) Domestic and foreign limited liability partnerships
- i) Domestic and foreign limited partnerships
- j) Domestic and foreign limited liability limited partnerships
- k) Real estate investment trusts

A consent signed by the appointed registered agent is required with the appointment.

The following numbers correspond to the numbered sections on the front of this form.

1. **FILING FEE: \$10.** This fee is in addition to that required for the documents in which the registered agent appointment is included.  
(Checks must be payable to "Secretary of State" and must be for U.S. negotiable funds. Payment may also be made by credit card using VISA, Master Card, or Discover.)
2. Provide the correct name of the organization for which the appointed registered agent is to serve.
3. Provide the name of the registered agent. The format of the name must be consistent with that on the documents on which the appointment of the registered agent is declared. If a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership is named as the registered agent, provide the correct name.
4. Indicate whether the appointed registered agent is an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited liability partnership. **An individual residing in North Dakota** may serve as registered agent for any organization, **or another organization** may serve as registered agent. However, an organization **may not serve as its own registered agent**. A corporation may serve as the registered agent for another corporation, a limited liability company, a limited liability partnership, a limited partnership, a limited liability limited partnership, or a real estate investment trust. A limited liability company may serve as the registered agent for another limited liability company, a corporation, a limited liability partnership, a limited partnership, a limited liability limited partnership, or a real estate investment trust. A limited liability partnership **may only** serve as the registered agent for another limited liability partnership.
5. To properly maintain registered agent records, the Federal ID or social security number of the registered agent is required.
6. The statement must be dated and bear an **ORIGINAL** signature by the registered agent named in number 3. A stamped or facsimile signature is not acceptable.

If the registered agent is an individual, the signature must be identical to the name provided in number 3 including middle initials, etc.

If another corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership is named as registered agent, the consent may be signed by an officer, a manager, a partner, or an individual empowered by the organization to sign on its behalf.

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